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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: ROLLING ELEMENT FOR A  
CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE  
TRANSMISSION (CVT), A CVT USING THE  
ROLLING ELEMENT AND A METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING THE ROLLING ELEMENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims, specification, and drawings.

Please amend the application as follows:

Claims 6, 14, 15, 19 and 20 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented. The text of all claims presently under examination is presented below in the listing of claims, and all claims are presented with an appropriate defined status identifier.